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SCHEDULE.

OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

DEPARTURE.

For Alice, Texas, daily at 6 a. m.
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ARRIVALS.

From Alice, Texas, daily at 10 p. m.
" Rio Grande, Tri-Weekly at 7 a. m.
" Point Isabel, daily at 6 p. m.
" Matamoros, Mexico, at 9:30 a. m.

Teachers' Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
AUSTIN, TEX., Sept. 19, 1892.
To Hon. E. H. Goddard, Brownsville, Tex.,

DEAR SIR: You are hereby notified that a special examination of teachers will be held in all of the counties of the state on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22, 1892. Please give general notice of this examination so that all who wish can have the opportunity of taking it. Most Respectfully,

J. M. CARLISLE,
State Supt. Public Instruction.
State papers please copy.

They May Meet.

New York, Oct. 4.—The Herald prints the following: President Harrison and Mr. Cleveland may be brought together next week in this city during the Columbus ceremonies and in Chicago the week following, when the World's fair buildings are dedicated. President Harrison promised to review the great parades in both cities.

Mr. Cleveland yesterday made up his mind to accept invitations from both committees. He will be in the reviewing stand with Harrison, and will dine with him at the same table at the Lenox L. cenm banquet on the evening of October 13, and then they will both go to Chicago October 21.

Condensed platform of the people's party: Free coinage; graduated income tax; no alien ownership of land; abolition of national banks. Condensed platform of the Hogg party, which was stolen from the people's party: Free coinage; graduated income tax; for alien ownership of land; abolition of national banks. By way of remark, we wish to explain, for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the Tyler democracy is peculiar.—Luling Signal.

Testing Diamonds in India.

The Hindoos distinguish diamonds according to their color. The white rank first and are called Brahmins, the yellow are known as Kshatris, the dusky as Vaishyas and the flawed stones as Sudras. The diamond dealers are chiefly Marwaris—a race who are the chief bankers and money lenders in India. These men are perfectly acquainted with the phosphorescent and electric qualities of the diamond, and they are also aware of the extreme uniformity of its specific gravity.

A boiling solution of some salt of zinc, called by the natives "Tutenagum bas-pam," which solution has a specific gravity of 3.5, is used for the weight test. Into this solution the stones submitted for examination are thrown. Those that float are rejected as not being diamonds, the Marwaris knowing that the diamond has a specific gravity of 3.52.

The stones that sink are then examined. The larger pieces are rubbed with a silk handkerchief to excite their electric properties and held near light substances, as small pieces of tissue paper. Diamonds thus rubbed readily attract light substances. The phosphorescent qualities are brought out by exposure of the stones to sunlight, and then taking them into a dark room, where the diamonds give off a gleaming light.

Cut stones which have been tested as above are then examined by boys especially trained, who sort them according to their color and flaws, and it is very seldom that these youngsters make a mistake, so sharp are their eyes in detecting flaws and shades of color. The appraisement according to size is finally made by the seniors.—Mining and Engineering.

A Curious Property of Water.

Many simple experiments show that the surface of water possesses a property which causes it to resist the passage of bodies either from above or below. This is true not only of soapy water, but of the clearest and purest water as well. A sheet of fine gauze tends to float, because its weight being widely distributed each of the numerous separate wires is resisted by the surface film so that the water cannot readily pass through the meshes.

Insects and plants utilize this fact in many interesting ways. Some water plants, whose leaves float on the water, have a very simple contrivance to keep the upper surfaces of the leaves dry. This consists of a great number of minute hairs covering the tops of the leaves. Water cannot penetrate among these hairs even when the leaves are forced down beneath the surface.

The little rafts of eggs that gnats set afloat on the water are kept from sinking and from being upset through this same principle. The tiny eggs have their points all upward and they are joined together so closely that, while there is open space all around the point of each egg, yet the width of these spaces is so slight that water cannot readily pass through. You may again and again upset such an egg raft, but it will right itself every time and the upper surface will remain dry.—Youth's Companion.

One Must Be Careful.

One must be careful about using the English language in this day of literal meaning, when the veriest neophyte of a society writer dare not use the phrases, "The bride entered the church on the arm of her father," or "His eyes followed her around the room," because some humorist has illustrated them realistically.

This was recalled to my mind yesterday when I entered a Woodward avenue book store, where a grave gentleman presides, and asked him if he had a "pretty child's book."

"Blond or brunette?" he inquired.

"Oh-h!" I stammered. "Why do you ask that?"

"I suppose you want the book to harmonize, or you would not have told me the child was pretty."

I saw wherein I had erred, but had my revenge, for the first thing I read in the book he handed me was this phrase, "Ellen burst into tears."

"Here," I said, "I don't want my heroine in pieces—please give me a whole one," and I called his attention to the remarkable physiological fact.—Detroit Free Press.

A Wealthy Squatter.

James Tyson, the richest squatter in Australia, was originally a coachman. He saved a little money and invested in stock, which turning out profitably left him the possessor of £500. With this sum, not a large one for the purpose, he began grazing, and as he worked hard and scarcely spent anything in a few years he counted his wealth by many figures. He started on fifteen shillings a week, and today he is worth over £3,000,000 and owns more sheep and cattle than any other two squatters in the world.—London Tit-Bits.

Typographical Errors.

American authors, no less than English, sometimes suffer for the sins of the printer. A line of Mr. Aldrich's, which originally read, "A potent medicine for gods and men," was misprinted "A potent medicine" etc. and was

Aldrich's equanimity was upset on another occasion because in a serious mood he wrote in one of his poems, "Now the old wounds break out afresh," and was horrified to read that he had said "Now the old woman breaks out afresh."—New York Tribune.

Paper in Corea.

Paper manufacture is one of the chief industries in Corea. The paper is made in the most primitive manner from the bark of a tree which is indigenous to the country and which is closely allied to the mulberry.—Chicago Herald.

Driven to It.

Twitter—What's this I hear about your falling in love with a girl at your boarding house?

Jack Birdsell—I had to do something; and I heard that love took away one's appetite.—New York Herald.

Budweiser and Pale Lager Beer at Celestin Jagou's.

—If you want a cool glass of beer go to Mike Leahy's.

Dates for Teachers' Examinations

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 18, '92.

The regular Teachers' Examinations will be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday in February, April, June, August, September, and November.

Special examinations may be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday of any other month, except July, provided notice is given the State Superintendent at least two weeks before the day the said examination is to begin.

No questions for these special examinations will be sent to any county, except at the request of the county superintendent or county judge.

Most respectfully,

J. M. CARLISLE.

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